

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-3, 5-14, 16-30, and 32-35 are pending. Claims 1, 12, and 25 have been amended herein. Claims 4, 15, and 31 have been cancelled. Claims 1-3, 5-14, 16-30, and 32-35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). Applicants respectfully request further examination and reconsideration in view of the instant response. No new matter has been added herein.

CLAIM REJECTIONSRejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

The present Office Action rejected Claims 1-3, 5-14, and 16-24 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Gvili (U.S. Patent No. 5,717,593) (hereinafter referred to as 'Gvili'), in view of Fowler et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,104,979) (hereinafter referred to as 'Fowler'), McClure et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,539,303) (hereinafter referred to as 'McClure'), and Murphy (U.S. Patent No. 6,711,475) (hereinafter referred to as 'Murphy'). Applicants has reviewed the above cited references and respectfully submit that the present invention as recited in Claims 1-3, 5-14, and 16-24, is neither anticipated nor rendered obvious by Gvili taken alone or in combination with Fowler, McClure, and Murphy.

Furthermore, the present Office Action rejected Claims 25-27, and 35 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Fowler, in view of McClure, and Murphy. Applicants has reviewed the above cited references and respectfully submit that the present invention as recited

in Claims 25-27, and 35 is neither anticipated nor rendered obvious by Fowler taken alone or in combination with McClure, and Murphy.

Additionally, the present Office Action rejected Claims 28-30, and 32-34 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Fowler, in view of McClure, Murphy, and Gvili. Applicants has reviewed the above cited references and respectfully submit that the present invention as recited in Claims 28-30, and 32-34, is neither anticipated nor rendered obvious by Fowler taken alone or in combination with McClure, Murphy, and Gvili.

Independent Claims 1 and 12

Applicants respectfully point out that amended independent Claims 1 and 12 each recite that the present invention includes an integrated guidance system. In particular, each of the amended independent Claims 1 and 12 recites that the present invention includes, in part:

a differential global position determination system adapted for using a differential correction process to correct errors, wherein a differential correction may be stored in an electronic file and accessed later or said differential correction may be applied in real time;

and

a display device for displaying text, said menu and graphics, said text, said menu, and said graphics adapted to be viewable under various light conditions, wherein an operator is able to vary the contrast and brightness of said text, said menu, and said graphics by using buttons to interact with a user interface of said integrated guidance system;

Emphasis added. Support for these amendments may be found on at least pages 9-11, and page 17 of the specification.

The claimed embodiments of Claims 1 and 12 pertain to an integrated guidance system. In particular, independent Claims 1 and 12 each recite that the system comprises, in part, a differential global position determination system adapted for using a differential correction process to correct errors. A differential correction may either be stored in an electronic file and accessed later. Alternatively, the differential correction may be applied in real time. Additionally, independent Claims 1 and 12 each recite that the system comprises, in part, a display device for displaying text, a menu, and graphics, and which is adapted to be viewable under various light conditions. The operator is able to vary the contrast and brightness of the text, menu, and graphics by using buttons to interact with a user interface of the integrated guidance system.

Applicants respectfully note that Gvili taken alone or in combination with Fowler, McClure, and Murphy does not teach nor suggest the present invention as claimed in which a differential correction may either be stored in an electronic file and accessed later, or in the alternative, the differential correction may be applied in real time, as claimed in independent Claims 1 and 12 of the present invention. In contrast, Gvili, Fowler, McClure, and Murphy remain silent as to a differential correction being stored in an electronic file and accessed later, or in the alternative, being applied in real time.

Moreover, Applicants respectfully note that Gvili taken alone or in combination with Fowler, McClure, and Murphy does not teach nor suggest the present invention as claimed in which a display device for displaying text, a menu, and graphics, is adapted to be viewable under

various light conditions. Nor do these references show that an operator is able to vary the contrast and brightness of the text, menu, and graphics by using buttons to interact with a user interface of the integrated guidance system. In contrast, Gvili, Fowler, McClure, and Murphy also remain silent as to a display device, as described by Applicants' present invention, adapted to be viewable under various light conditions, including the ability for an operator to vary the contrast and brightness of the text, menu, and graphics by using buttons to interact with a user interface.

Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that Gvili taken alone or in combination with Fowler, McClure, and Murphy does not anticipate or render obvious the system of the present invention as recited in independent Claims 1 and 12. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that independent Claims 1 and 12 overcome the cited references and are in a condition for allowance. As such, Claims 2-3, and 5-11 which depend on independent Claim 1 are also in a condition for allowance as being dependent on an allowable base claim. Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 13-14, and 16-24 which depend on independent Claim 12 are also in a condition for allowance as being dependent on an allowable base claim.

Independent Claim 25

Applicants respectfully point out that amended independent Claim 25 recites a method of interacting with a guidance system. In particular, independent Claim 25 recites that the present invention includes, in part:

displaying on a display device of said guidance system a plurality of available functions in a menu-driven manner that is user friendly, wherein said display device is adapted for

displaying text and graphics, including configuring said guidance system with said menu, said text, said menu, and said graphics adapted to be viewable under various light conditions, wherein an operator is able to vary the contrast and brightness of said text, said menu, and said graphics by using buttons to interact with a user interface of said guidance system

Emphasis added. Support for this amendment may be found on at least page 17 of the specification.

The claimed embodiments of Claim 25 pertain to a method of interacting with a guidance system. In particular, independent Claim 25 recites that the method comprises, in part, displaying text, a menu, and graphics adapted to be viewable under various light conditions. The operator is able to vary the contrast and brightness of the text, menu, and graphics by using buttons to interact with a user interface of the integrated guidance system.

Applicants respectfully note that Fowler taken alone or in combination with McClure and Murphy does not teach nor suggest the present invention as claimed in which a method comprises displaying text, a menu, and graphics adapted to be viewable under various light conditions. Nor do these references show that an operator is able to vary the contrast and brightness of the text, menu, and graphics by using buttons to interact with a user interface of the integrated guidance system. In contrast, Fowler, McClure, and Murphy remain silent as to a display device, as described by Applicants' present invention, adapted to be viewable under various light conditions, including the ability for an operator to vary the contrast and brightness of the text, menu, and graphics by using buttons to interact with a user interface.

Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that Fowler taken alone or in combination with McClure, and Murphy does not anticipate or render obvious the system of the present invention as recited in independent Claim 25. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that independent Claim 25 overcomes the cited reference and is in a condition for allowance. As such, Claims 26-27, and 35, which depend on independent Claim 25 are also in a condition for allowance as being dependent on an allowable base claim.

Claims 28-30, and 32-34

As described herein, applicants respectfully submit that Fowler taken alone or in combination with McClure and Murphy, does not anticipate or render obvious the system of the present invention as recited in independent Claim 25. Nor does Gvili overcome the shortcomings of Fowler, McClure, and Murphy. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that independent Claim 25 overcomes the cited reference and is in a condition for allowance. As such, Claims 28-30, and 32-34, which depend on independent Claim 25 are also in a condition for allowance as being dependent on an allowable base claim.

CONCLUSION


In light of the above-listed remarks and amendments, the Applicants respectfully request allowance of the Claims 1-35.

The Examiner is urged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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